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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY
PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY IS ONE OF THE "OBSERVER LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS" REPRESENTED AT NAC. PSP UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FERMIN
ARRAIZA MIRANDA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 27. FOLLOWING
HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS (BELOW) ARRAIZA FIELDDED QUES-
TIONS FROM JOURNALISTS.

2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON THE RECENT DECISION OF UN COMMITTEE
24 TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE PUERTO RICAN QUESTION, ARRAIZA
CLAIMED THAT THIS DECISION WAS A "PYRRHIC VICTORY"
FOR U.S. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. IS USING THE ULTIMATE EXCUSE OF
COLONIALISM BY CLAIMING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIS
WAS THE CASE WITH PORTUGAL IN THE LAST FEW YEARS SAID ARRAIZA.
EVERYONE IN LATIN AMERICA, HE SAID, KNOWS THAT PUERTO RICO IS A
COUNTRY AND NOT U.S. TERRITORY.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTIN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

STRUGGLE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, ARRAIZA SAID THAT PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE U.S. ARE ORGANIZING MASSIVELY AROUND THE NED FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. HE CLAIMED THAT THE ONLY ORGANIZED PUERTO RICANS IN THE U.S. WERE THOSE FROM THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, AND HE STATED THAT THE PSP HAS U.S. BRANCHES FROM NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA AND CHICAGO TO HAWAII. ARRAIZA FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THE END OF THE VIETNAM STRUGGLE HAS ENABLED PROGRESSIVE AND REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN THE U.S. TO RALLY AROUND PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT WITH THE CLAIM THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FEARS A WAR OF LIBERATION NOT ONLY INSIDE PUERTO RICO BUT WITHIN U.S. TERRITORY IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO ALGERIAN ACTIONS IN PARIS.

4. CIRCULATING AT THE NAC IS A AUGUST 19, 1975 LETTER ON THE PUERTO RICAN QUESTION FROM HERBERT LEVIN, CHARGE OF EMBASSY DARESALAAM, TO THE TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA. (PRESUMABLY THE DEPT. HAS A COPY). THE PSP REPRESENTATIVES USED THE QUOTE IN THE LETTER CALLING UNCONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO A "FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE INTO U.S. INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND AN UNFRIENDLY ACT " AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. DESPERATION AND OF A DEFENSIVE APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF PSP PRESS STATEMENT QTE.

ON BEHALF OF THE PUERTORRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU.

WE CONDEMN THE IMPERIALIST, COLONIALIST AND BLACKMAILER GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.A. FACING ALL WASHINGTON PRESSURES, WE DEMAND FROM ALL MEMBERS OF OUR MOVEMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, TO BEHAVE, REGARDING OUR COLONIAL SITUATION AND STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, IN CONSONANCE WITH THE BASIC AND ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF ANTI-COLONIALISM WHICH GAVE BIRTH TO OUR MOVEMENT.

WE HONOUR AND GREET FRATEERNALLY ALL FRIENDS AND ALLIES FROM THE NON-ALIGNMENT, THAT ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTED PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND SACRED RIGHT, RECENTLY, AT THE UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE, NAMELY TANZANIA, CUBA, SYRIA, CONGO, MALI, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND IRAQ, AGAINST THE DILATORY TACTICS FOR THE POSTPONMENT ON THE BOTATION OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUERTO RICAN PRO INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE.

THE NOAL MOVEMENT MUST DEMAND ALL ITS MEMBERS TO RENDER THEIR FULL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT THE PUERTO RICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE; URGING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF

PUERTO RICO AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT
PEOPLE; RECOMMENDING THE UN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION TO DISPATCH
A VISITING MISSION OF THE SAID TERRITORY.

THE NOAL MOVEMENT MUST SUPPORT THE DECISIONS TO BE APPROVED
BY THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH
THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE HELD IN HAVANA, CUBA,
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1975, SPONSORING THE QUICK, FINAL AND
ACCELERATE DECOLONIZATION OF PUERTO RICO. END TEXT.
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